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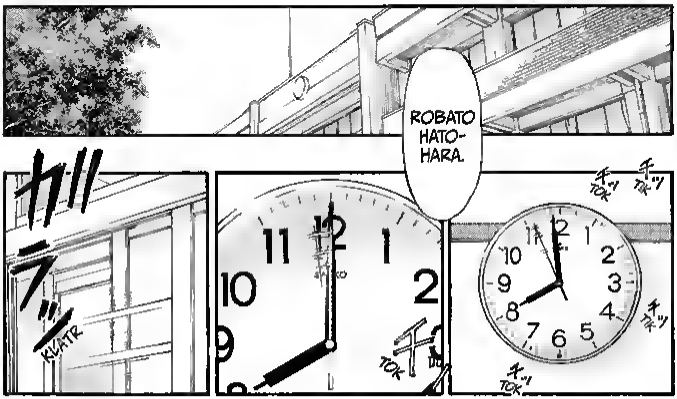
ROBOT × LASERBEAM
No.16

ARE YOU HAVING FUN, ROBO-KUN?
HUH?
YEAH ...


ROBATO HATO-HARA.
KLATR
TOK
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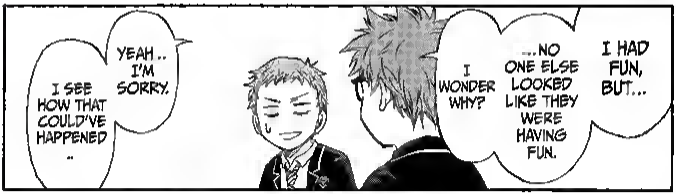
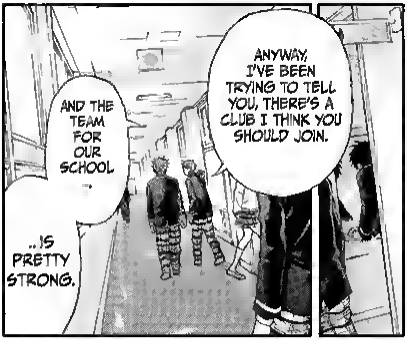
RATL
INFLEXIBLE. SOCIALLY CLUELESS ...
STUPIDLY SERIOUS AND CREEPILY THOROUGH
KIVEEN
UNFEELING EXPRESSION-LESS
SHHHHH
HIS NICK-NAME-ROBO!
SERI-OUSLY?!
UH-HUH
NEXT TIME—? NO WAY— DON'T INVITE HIM.
SHK
I'M TOTALLY SERIOUS, HE WAS LIKE A ROBOT THE ENTIRE TIME
EVEN WHEN HE'S SINGING, HE SOUNDS LIKE A VOCALOID!

DID YOU HAVE FUN?
THAT'S UN-USUAL!

ROBO, YOU WENT TO KARAOKE?!
Tomoya Nakata
Eiai Academy
First-Year / Golf Club
Member

I'M NOT GETTING A FUN VIBE FROM YOU AT ALL THOUGH !!
Are you okay?!
YEAH.


I HAD FUN, BUT...
...NO ONE ELSE LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE HAVING FUN.
I WONDER WHY?
YEAH.. I'M SORRY.
I SEE HOW THAT COULD'VE HAPPENED..


ANYWAY, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU, THERE'S A CLUB I THINK YOU SHOULD JOIN.
AND THE TEAM FOR OUR SCHOOL
..IS PRETTY STRONG.

THAT'S AMAZING, TOMOYA!
WHAT CAUSED IT? HOW DO I FIX IT?
BUT YOU SAID YOU KNEW WHY
UGHHH!! IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!!
Well, um..
UGHHH, NEVER MIND!

ROBO, YOU SHOULD JOIN...
...THE GOLF CLUB!
NAH. I'M GOOD.
WHY?!
I think I'll pass
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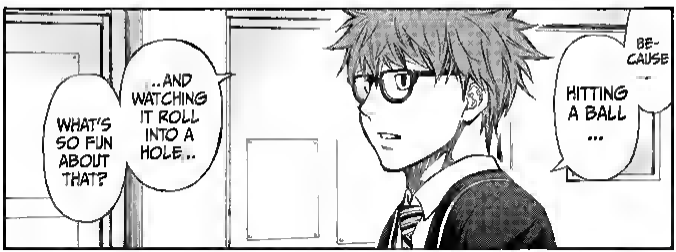
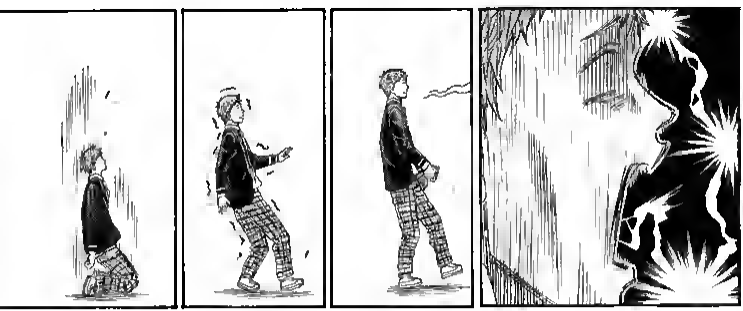

BE-CAUSE
HITTING A BALL ...
...AND WATCHING IT ROLL INTO A HOLE...
WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT THAT?



YEAH
THAT'S WHY I DON'T GET SPORTS.
PEOPLE PICK DIFFERENT SPORTS TO GET INTO..
..BUT SPORTS ARE GREAT BECAUSE YOU CAN MAKE GOALS FOR YOURSELF, PRACTICE, IMPROVE AND COMPETE TO WIN..
..?!

YOU CAN BASICALLY SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT ALL SPORTS...!!
IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT, IT SOUNDS SOOOOO B[illegible]AAAD!!
?

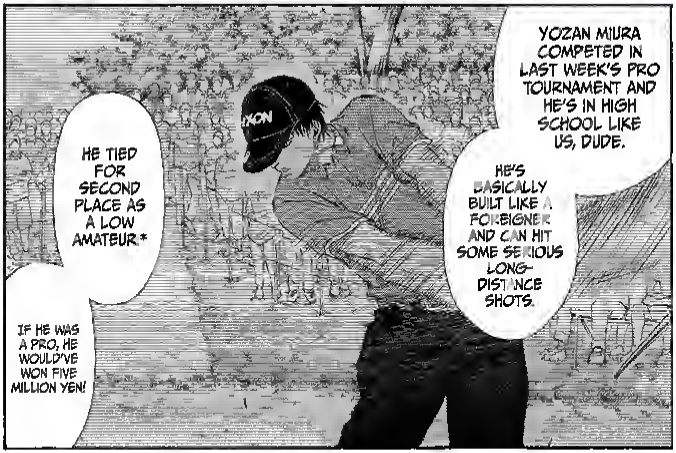
COMPETING WITH THE IDEA OF WINNING AND DEFEATING YOUR OPPONENT—I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT
I CAN UNDERSTAND DOING WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT..
...I DON'T SEE MYSELF LABELING MY PEERS AS SUPERIOR OR INFERIOR BASED ON THAT KIND OF COMPETITION.

WELL, GOLF IS A REALLY COOL ATHLETIC SPORT NOW, YOU KNOW!
THE BEST PROS CAN EASILY HIT 300 YARDS WITH A DRIVER.
THERE'RE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN PLAYERS, AND EVERYONE'S PRETTY YOUNG!
WHAT'S A YARD?

WHA..?

HRM...
SORRY I TURNED YOU DOWN.
WELL, YOU'RE DEFINITELY UNIQUE, ROBO..
IT'S OKAY.

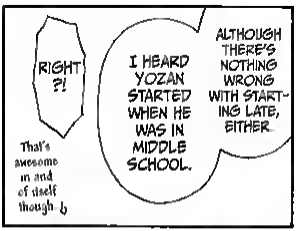
*Low amateur: A top-level amateur who competes in open pro tournaments


YOZAN MIURA COMPETED IN LAST WEEK'S PRO TOURNAMENT AND HE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL LIKE US, DUDE.
HE'S BASICALLY BUILT LIKE A FOREIGNER AND CAN HIT SOME SERIOUS LONG-DISTANCE SHOTS.
HE TIED FOR SECOND PLACE AS A LOW AMATEUR*
IF HE WAS A PRO, HE WOULD'VE WON FIVE MILLION YEN!

TOMOYA. DIDN'T YOU *JUST* START AFTER YOU LEARNED ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY YOU CAN EARN?
You can win millions of yen?!
And overseas you can win a hundred million?!
GEH
YEAH, BUT PEOPLE LIKE THAT HAVE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE THEY WERE REALLY YOUNG, RIGHT?

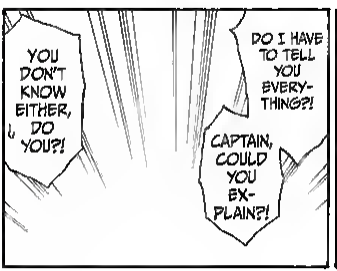
HUH?
AH!!
WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU AIMING TO BE A PRO GOLFER, TOMOYA?
WHO CARES WHY I STARTED PLAYING?
MAYBE EVEN I COULD GO PRO IF I TRY MY BEST AND WORK HARD! YOU NEVER KNOW!
YEAH.
WELL, GOOD LUCK.

CAP-TAIN!
GOOD MORN-ING, SIR!
AH, IT'S OKAY!
NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.
Shintaro Hiiragi
Eiai Academy
Third-Year / Golf Club
Captain


RIGHT?!
That's awesome in and of itself though
I HEARD YOZAN STARTED WHEN HE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
ALTHOUGH THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH START-ING LATE, EITHER.

WHAT HE SAID IS RIGHT, YOU KNOW. THE TALENTED PLAYERS ALL HAVE A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND—STARTING YOUNG AND ALL THAT
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO PRACTICE A LOT MORE
AHH, ABOUT GOING PRO, UH... I MEAN, IF I COULD DO IT, THAT WOULD BE AWESOME, I GUESS, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
Robe-?
This is my friend Robe!
Who's this?

MAY I ASK A QUES-TION?
EX-CUSE ME.


YOU DON'T KNOW EITHER, DO YOU?!
DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU EVERY-THING?!
CAPTAIN, COULD YOU EX-PLAIN?!

YOU'RE ASKING THAT AGAIN?!
We had that conversation a few pages ago!!
WHAT'S A YARD?

ONE YARD IS APPROXIMATELY 0.9 METERS
SO WHEN YOU DRIVE IT 300 YARDS, IT'S BASICALLY 270 METERS
IT'S APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE LENGTH OF A BASEBALL FIELD.
Even average players can easily hit 200 yards.
HA HA HA! WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROBO?!
GOLF IS PRETTY AMAZING, HUH?
Why are you bragging about that?
IF POSSIBLE, COULD YOU GIVE ME THE EXACT NUMBER? I DON'T LIKE APPROXIMATING CALCULATIONS.
WHAT WOULD YOU EVEN DO WITH EXACT NUMBERS ANYWAY?!
BUT I DON'T LIKE TAKING SHORT-CUTS.
Honestly nothing.
SERI-OUSLY, ROBO?!
HA HA
THIS GUY'S WEIRD...
DO YOU BY CHANCE HAVE ANY INTEREST IN PLAYING GOLF?
WE'RE ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS RIGHT NOW! EVEN BEGINNERS
NO, THANK YOU I HAVE NO INTEREST OR MOTIVATION WHATSO-EVER.
SO RUDE!!
My heart refuses to reject him!
...

AHH.. THAT KID IS MOST DEFINITELY A ROBOT. FOR REAL.
I'M SO SORRY! HE'D NEVER MEAN TO OFFEND YOU ON PURPOSE!!
OH, I'M NOT OFFEND-ED.
AND YET HIS HAIR COLOR IS SO FLASHY..
AH.. SENPAI, THAT'S HIS NATURAL HAIR COLOR.
HIS MOM IS SCOTTISH, SO HE'S HALF JAPANESE.
WHAT?! FOR REAL?!
OH, I SEE...
BUT IT'S NOT THAT DEPRESSING OF A STORY, ACTUALLY.
HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS TO PLAY WITH.
YEAH... HE USED TO GET PICKED ON A LOT BACK IN THE DAY BECAUSE OF IT
SINCE HE'S BASICALLY A ROBOT, SO THIS..
HM?
I'M GETTING BULLIED ?
WHAT ?
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
...IS HOW HE TOOK IT ALL IN.
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD THAT NO ONE'S BEEN TALKING TO ME LATELY.
...

GOLF ...
HUH ...?
SHWIP
THOK
THMP

HMPH...
Yozan Miura
Seio Academy
First-Year / Golf Club
HEY, WAIT! WASN'T THAT GUY ON TV RECENTLY?
WOW
WHOA... WHAT WAS THAT...?
THAT SOUNDED LIKE A FREAKIN' ROCKET!
...IT'S ONLY 100 YARDS. THERE'S NO POINT FOR ME TO PRACTICE HERE.
MY USUAL PRACTICE SPOT WAS CROWDED TODAY, SO I KINDA JUST WANDERED INTO THIS DRIVING RANGE, BUT..
I CAN'T SEE THE BALL AT ALL...!
IT MOVES SO FAST— BY THE TIME I LOOK UP IT'S ALREADY HIT THE NET.
HMM...
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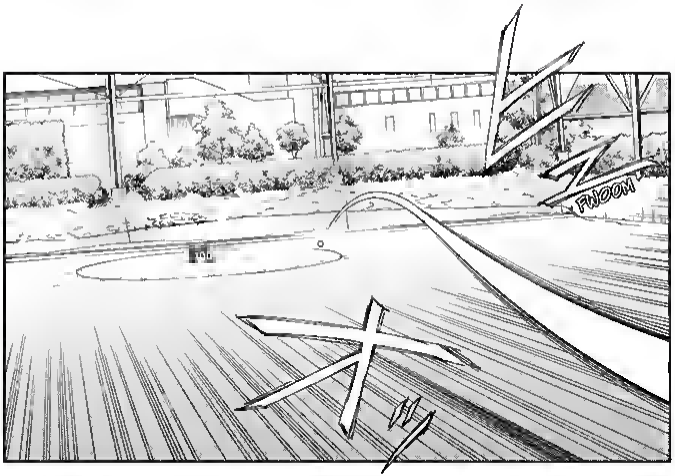
NEXT TIME... I WILL WIN!
IF I HAD JUST MADE THAT SHOT LAST WEEK, I COULD'VE WON!
BUT I GUESS I CAN TELL HOW WELL I'M HITTING BY THE SOUND OF THE BALL..
AND BESIDES, I'M WORKING ON MY APPROACH SHOTS TODAY SO IT DOESN'T MATTER, I GUESS.
THOK
I CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE IN A WHILE MYSELF, BUT THAT WAS IT— A PERFECT SHOT!!
THAT SOUNDED PERFECT!
THE GUY DOWN THERE..
OH ...?
SILENCE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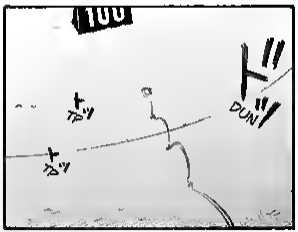
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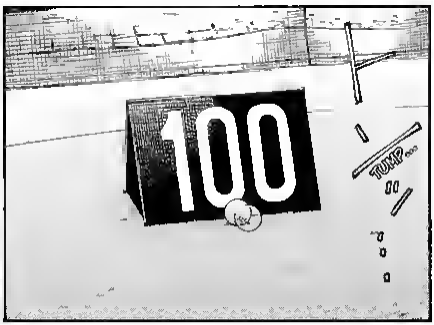
A MID-IRON, HALF SHOT MAYBE?
COOL...
LOW ...

NICE SHOT! PROBABLY YOUR BEST OF THE DAY—OR ALL YEAR, EVEN!
I HAVE TO WORK ON MY OWN SHOT SO IT SOUNDS JUST LIKE THAT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THUMP

THOK
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TAP
YOU'RE KIDDING!
TWICE IN A ROW?!
INJURY
EVEN PRO GOLFERS CAN'T DO THAT!!
WHAT THE —?!

THOK
...EVERY STROKE IS PERFECT!
SWOOSH
THOK
!!
IT WASN'T JUST TWICE...
100
SWOOSH
100
WHO IN THE WORLD ...?!
THIS IS INSANE!!

SOMEWHERE IN THIS DRIVING RANGE...
BDMP
...IS SOMEONE SO GOOD THEY HAVE TO BE POSSESSED!
WHO COULD IT BE?
100
HE'S GONE!!
....!
SHOCK
UM...DID YOU SEE THE PERSON WHO WAS HERE A MOMENT AGO?
HE LEFT AS SOON AS HE WAS DONE.
HRM...?
OH, THAT KID?
And he only had one club with him.

SO HE'S YOUNG...
A KID ...?
HMPH ...

THAT WAS MY PLAN, BUT THE BOOKS WERE OUT OF ORDER, SO I ENDED UP ORGANIZING THEM.
YOU LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?
OH ...?

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OH ?

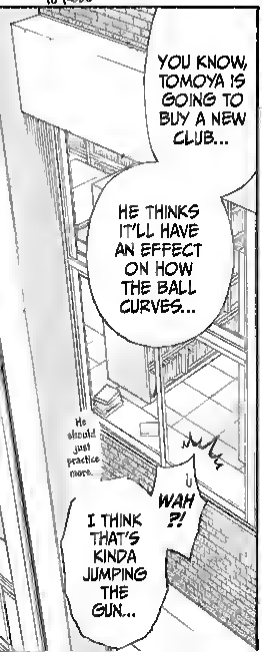
I've been practicing so hard
Rebo I'm trying tell you ...!!
IT'S JUST THAT TOMOYA IS ALWAYS
IT JUST WON'T FLY STRAIGHT !!
...COM-PLAINING ABOUT IT.

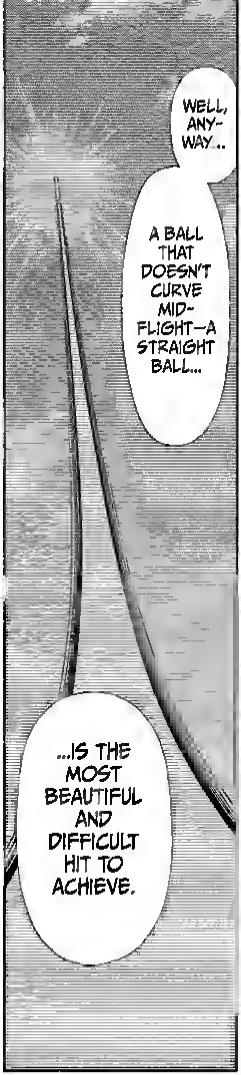
WHAT ?!
DOES THAT MEAN YOU WANT TO...
NO, I DON'T ...
HUH ?!
BUZZZ

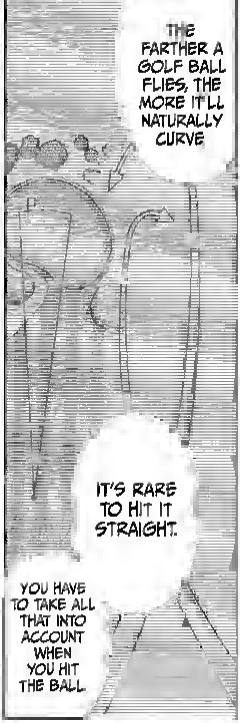
UM ...
IS GOLF DIFFI-CULT?

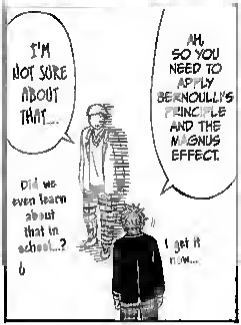
HMM ...
THAT'S PRETTY NORMAL.

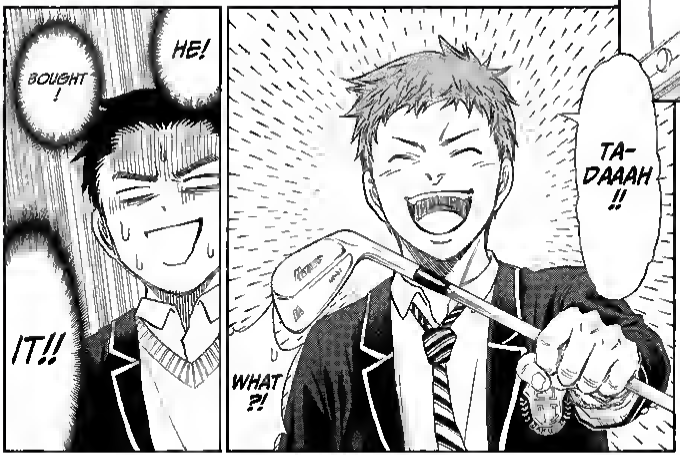
Getting used to Fobo

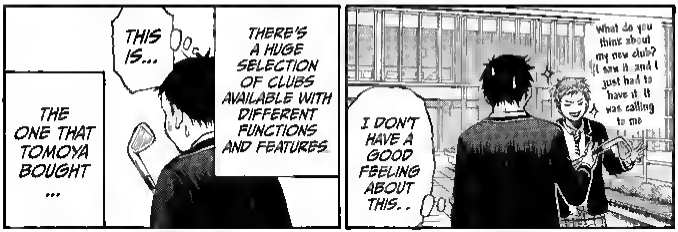

YOU KNOW, TOMOYA IS GOING TO BUY A NEW CLUB...
HE THINKS IT'LL HAVE AN EFFECT ON HOW THE BALL CURVES...
He should just practice more...
WAH?!
I THINK THAT'S KINDA JUMPING THE GUN...




THE FARTHER A GOLF BALL FLIES, THE MORE IT'LL NATURALLY CURVE
IT'S RARE TO HIT IT STRAIGHT.
YOU HAVE TO TAKE ALL THAT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN YOU HIT THE BALL.


I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT...
Did we even learn about that in school...?
AH, SO YOU NEED TO APPLY BERNOULLI'S PRINCIPLE AND THE MAGNUS EFFECT.
I get it now...


HE!
BOUGHT!
IT!!
WHAT?!
TA-DAAAH!!


THIS IS...
THERE'S A HUGE SELECTION OF CLUBS AVAILABLE WITH DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES.
THE ONE THAT TOMOYA BOUGHT ...
I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS..
What do you think about my new club? I saw it and I just had to have it! It was calling to me

THIS IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO MASTER—AND THE MOST EXPENSIVE!!
..WAS THIS.
The shaft is DG Steel!!
...A MIZUNO MUSCLE-BACK IRON!!
BDMP
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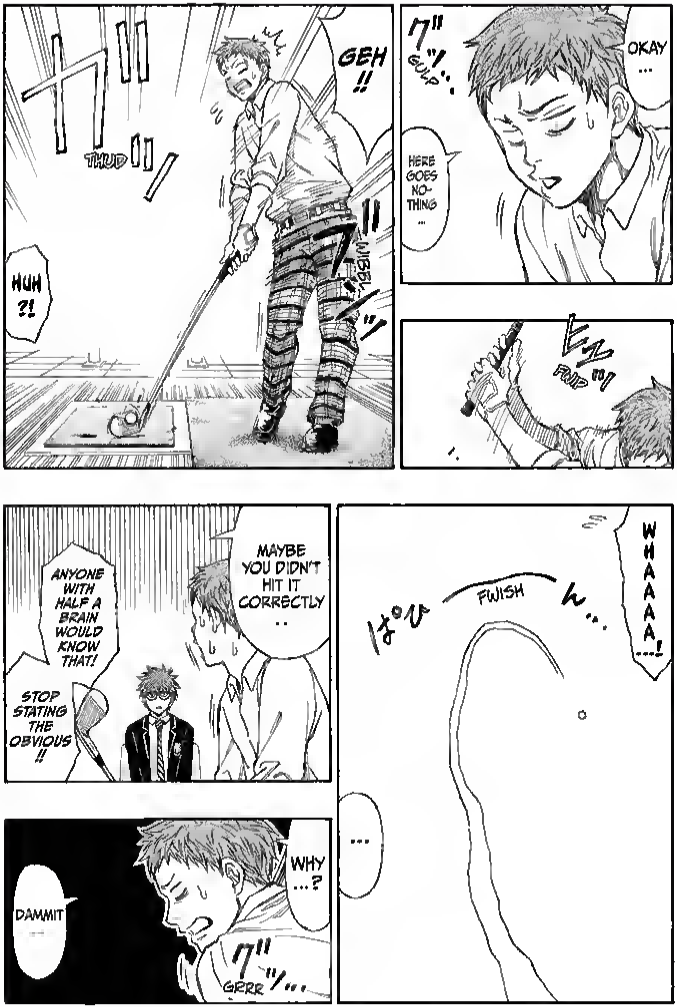
I WAS SO SHOCKED I COULDN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING...
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO USE THAT CLUB.
I'LL TELL HIM TO RETURN IT AND BUY A DIFFERENT ONE, OR MAYBE LEND HIM ONE THAT'S EASIER TO USE...
I guess I should go too
Ugh
We don't have club practice today, right?
ANYWAYS, I'M GONNA PRACTICE WITH IT AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!
OH, UH... YEAH.
WHY'RE YOU SO QUIET?! ISN'T IT AWESOME?!
Y-YEAH... IT'S GREAT...
KLANG
KLANG
HEY.
I RECALL YOUR TELLING ME YOU WANTED TO PRACTICE AS SOON AS YOU BOUGHT YOUR NEW CLUB...
...BUT I DON'T RECALL MY PROMISING THAT I'D COME WITH YOU...
NEVER MIND THAT. LET'S DO THIS!


GEH !!
THUD
HUH ?!
WIBBLY
OKAY ...
GULP
HERE GOES NO-THING ...
FWIP
WHAAAA...!
FWISH
...
WHY ...?
DAMMIT
GRRR
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HIT IT CORRECTLY ..
ANYONE WITH HALF A BRAIN WOULD KNOW THAT!
STOP STATING THE OBVIOUS !!

...

WHY ?!!
I CAN'T HIT IT AT ALL!!
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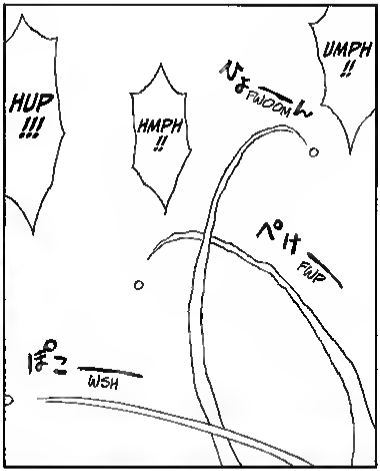
HUP !!!
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HMPH !!
UMPH !!
ぺけ FWIP
ぽこ WSH

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BACK WHEN I WAS ALL ALONE...WHEN EVERYONE ELSE LAUGHED AT ME, YOU DIDN'T.
YOU DIDN'T LAUGH, AND YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO TALKED TO ME.
I WON'T LAUGH AT YOU...

TOMOYA...
だ WAAAAAH...
WHAT IS IT NOW?!
I GIVE UP JUST LAUGH AT ME AND GET IT OVER WITH!

...
ROBO—!
I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU TO KEEP TRYING. YOU CAN DO IT.
I'LL JUST BE COUNTING ALL THE GOLF BALLS I SEE
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THE SPORT ITSELF, BUT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A BORING DETAIL LIKE THAT?!
I'M TELLING YOU, I CAN'T KEEP WATCHING THIS! LET'S GO OVER THERE ..
BA HA HA, BE NICE!! OKAY?!
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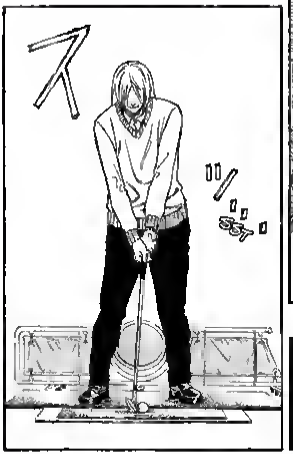
ドヒラ GIGGL
わはは HA-HA-HA!
YO, CAN I SAY SOME-THING?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING FOR A WHILE, AND HA HA!
YOUR SWING SUCKS, MAN!
HUH ?

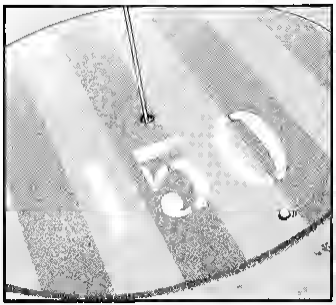
SINCE THEY HAVE CLUBS WITH THEM, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF A GOLF CLUB FROM SOME OTHER SCHOOL...
I WONDER WHAT'S SO FUNNY ...?
GRIN
GRIN
WHAT KINDA CLUB ARE YOU USING?
AH ...
U-UM
HERE ..
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS !!!
WAY !!
PFFFT !!
NO!
...
GYA HA HA!
YOU CAN'T COVER FOR YOUR CRAPPY SKILLS WITH THIS!
NOOO WAY !!
THERE'S NO CHANCE IN HELL YOU'D KNOW HOW TO USE THIS!

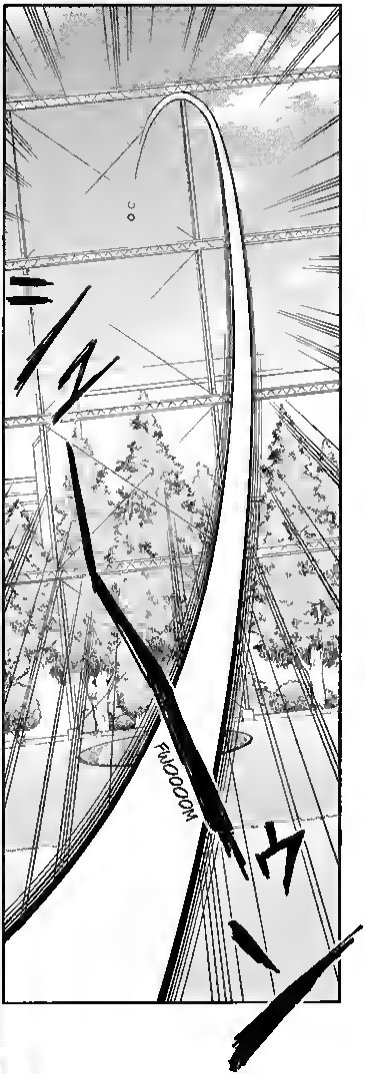


CAN YOU MOVE OVER A BIT?
OH ...
SURE
IF YOUR HEAD SPEED AND SMASH FACTOR AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN USE THIS CLUB. NOT A CHANCE
EVEN ACTUALLY TALENTED PEOPLE WOULD HESITATE TO USE THIS!

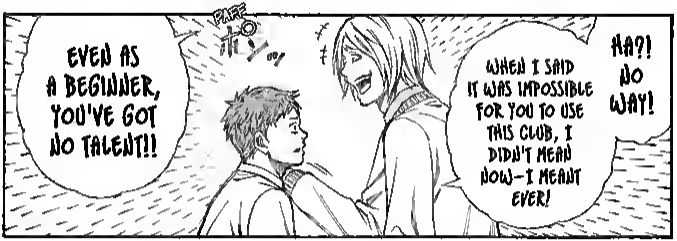
ZWOOSH
MPH

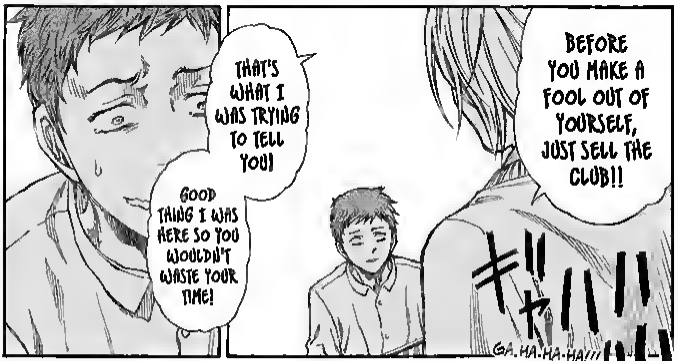
*A ball that curves from a golfer's right to his left





IF YOU CAN'T HIT IT LIKE THAT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
SO, LIKE ...
PAKI
YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING?
OH ...
YEAH ...
I'LL MAKE SURE TO KEEP PRACTICING
Thanks.
...SO I CAN USE IT PROPERLY ...


HA?! NO WAY!
WHEN I SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO USE THIS CLUB, I DIDN'T MEAN NOW-I MEANT EVER!
PAKI
EVEN AS A BEGINNER, YOU'VE GOT NO TALENT!!


BEFORE YOU MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOURSELF, JUST SELL THE CLUB!!
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GA-HA-HA-HA!!!
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU!
GOOD THING I WAS HERE SO YOU WOULDN'T WASTE YOUR TIME!

That's why I used my friendly voice!
Hmmm ??
Ha ha ha! I told you to be nice
UM...
I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEANT BY THAT.
ROBO
HUH ?
HUH?! I CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING!
HE'S GOT NO TALENT!
...BUT HOW CAN YOU ASSUME THAT HE CAN'T GET BETTER WITH PRACTICE?
I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT TOMOYA IS TERRIBLE AT USING HIS GOLF CLUB...
Robo ?!
GAAAAAH!!

YOU IDIOT, IT WAS A GOOD DRAW! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BEND!
THAT MAY BE THE CASE.
BUT YOUR OTHER STATEMENT WAS NOT BASED ON PURE FACT.
BUT YOU DIDN'T HIT THE BALL STRAIGHT WITH IT EITHER, SO HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE TALENTED?
CAN YOU PROVE IT?
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URK!
SHUT UP, IDIOT!
WHY WOULD WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
SO... WHAT CAN I DO TO HAVE YOU TAKE THAT BACK?
SO RETRACT YOUR EARLIER STATEMENT, BECAUSE IT'S NOT A FACT.
H-HEY...
ROBO?
I-IT'S OKAY, REALLY!!

SHUT UP.
FINE I'LL TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID AND I'LL APOLOGIZE.
!
BUT ...
TSK
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GRRR
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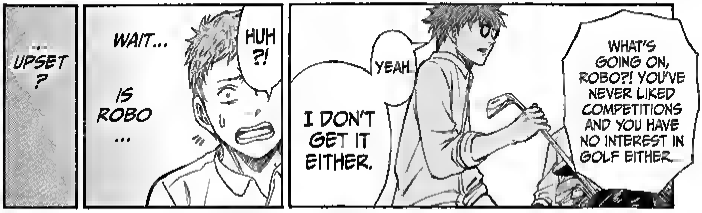
GRRR
I'M TELLING YOU...
ONLY IF YOU HIT ONE OUT OF TEN BALLS...
...ONTO THE 150 YARD GREEN...
GO AHEAD AND TRY. EVEN AN IDIOT LIKE YOU WILL SEE...
GOLF ISN'T AN EASY SPORT AND IT SHOULDN'T BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
IF YOU CAN DO IT, I'LL BEG FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS ON MY HANDS AND KNEES.
IF YOU CAN'T, YOU HAVE TO GROVEL AND APOLOGIZE AND SAY, "I'M SORRY I DISRESPECTED GOLF."

TOMOYA, LET ME BORROW YOUR CLUB.
HEY !!
I UNDER-STAND AND ACCEPT.
REACHING THAT AS A BEGINNER IS NEARLY IMPOS-SIBLE!!
ROBO! SERIOUSLY, IT'S FINE!
IT'S 150 YARDS!


...UPSET ?
WAIT... IS ROBO ...
HUH ?!
I DON'T GET IT EITHER.
YEAH.
WHAT'S GOING ON, ROBO?! YOU'VE NEVER LIKED COMPETITIONS AND YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN GOLF EITHER.

...I'M UPSET TOO.
I JUST DON'T LIKE SEEING YOU SO UPSET. WHEN YOU'RE UPSET...

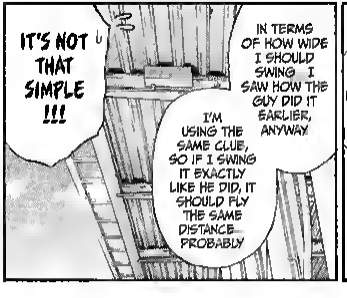
I'M PRETTY SURE ONE OF MY TEAMMATES IS HERE.
IS IT OKAY IF I JUST TAKE A PEEK?
OH YEAH!
GO AHEAD!
WELCOME!
GOOD AFTERNOON.
OH?
NO CLUB TODAY?
I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S HERE...
!
OH, THERE HE IS!
WAIT...
WHAT?
IS TOMOYA IN TROUBLE...?
WAIT, ISN'T THAT HIS FRIEND HOLDING TOMOYA'S NEW CLUB? WHAT'S GOING ON?

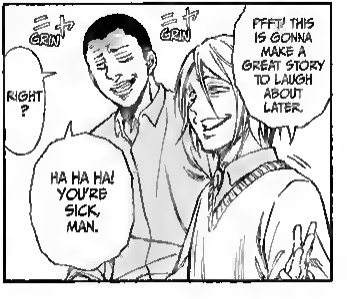
LIKE THIS ...?
SWISH "!
SWISH "!
WHAT?!

BUT ROBO, HAVE YOU EVER EVEN PLAYED BEFORE?!
YEP.
I BORROWED MY DAD'S
WHAT?!

WAAAAAH
うわあああ
SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SWING WIDER, RIGHT?
WHADDAYA MEAN, "LIKE THIS"?! YOU'RE JUST WAVING IT AROUND!
IF YOU HIT IT LIKE THAT, THE BALL WON'T GO ANYWHERE!

HUH?!


IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE !!!
IN TERMS OF HOW WIDE I SHOULD SWING I SAW HOW THE GUY DID IT EARLIER, ANYWAY
I'M USING THE SAME CLUB, SO IF I SWING IT EXACTLY LIKE HE DID, IT SHOULD FLY THE SAME DISTANCE PROBABLY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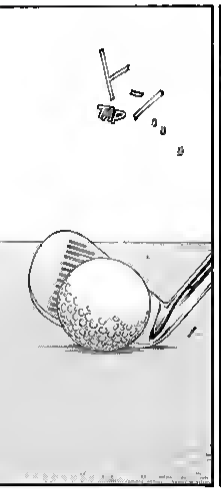
GRIN
RIGHT?
HA HA HA! YOU'RE SICK, MAN.
PFFT! THIS IS GONNA MAKE A GREAT STORY TO LAUGH ABOUT LATER.

HEY, ROBO.
ROBO.?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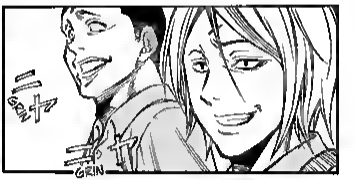
I'VE SEEN HIM MAKE THIS FACE BEFORE
IT'S LIKE THERE'S A SWITCH IN HIS BRAIN
WHEN HE GETS LIKE THIS, THERE'S NO WAY TO MAKE HIM LISTEN


GRIN

FSHH
!!!
...?!

FOH
SWOOSH

WHAT THE HELL?!
THIS ...
NO WAY !!
WHA ...
IT'S ...
IT'S GOING STRAIGHT TO THE PIN!!
VAGOOSH
THOK

HMM ?
THUNK
HMM ... IT WENT A LITTLE FARTHER THAN I WANTED.
AH ...?
WHA ....?
NEVER MIND THAT ...!
WHAT THE HECK ?!
HOW CAN YOU MAKE A STRAIGHT SHOT TO THE PIN LIKE IT'S NOTHING?!
HUH ?
えええええ!?
(WHAAAAAT?!)

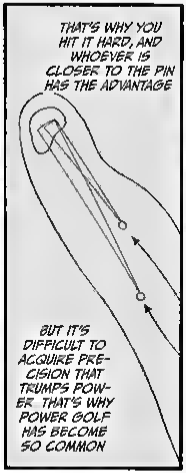
"HOW"? I MEAN...
I'M JUST AIMING IT SO IT WILL GO WHERE I WANT IT TO...
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?!
THE CIRCLE AREA IS PRETTY BIG, SO I THOUGHT I COULD DO IT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! NOT EVEN OUR SENPAI CAN MAKE THAT SHOT!!
THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?
IT WAS SO STRAIGHT IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS ON A STRING...
IT...
IT MUST'VE BEEN BEGINNER'S LUCK...
SO THAT WAS TOO MUCH.
I'LL MAKE MY SWING A LITTLE SMALLER THIS TIME..
I SEE...
OKAY

THAT'S ...
...IMPOSSIBLE !!
THAT SWING...
HE DID IT A SECOND TIME!!
IT'S LIKE A LASER BEAM !!
?!
ROBO CAN SHOOT LASER BEAMS?!
I'M TOTALLY SHOCKED, BUT LASER BEAM IS THE PREFECT PHRASE..
えぇーっ WAAAH?!
WOOOSH
IT'S GOING TO THE PIN AGAIN!

AH...
WOW...
THUD
IT'S A BIT SHORT THIS TIME...
BUT...
THIS IS AWESOME!
ROBO, YOU...
YOU'RE A GOLFING GENIUS!
NO...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A SWING LIKE THAT ON YOUR FIRST TRY
EVEN IF A GOLF GENIUS REALLY EXISTED...
ESPECIALLY...
HIS BALANCE WHILE ROTATING HIS HIPS WHEN HE RAISES THE CLUB IS PERFECT.
THAT WAS THE MOST PERFECT SWING I'VE EVER SEEN!
SHF
OKAY.
I GOT IT.
HMM...
SWISH
SWISH
WHO THE HECK IS THIS KID?!
IT'S NOT A SKILL YOU CAN HAVE WITHOUT A LOT OF TRAINING

VWOOSH
IT'S A LASER BEAM !!!
THOK
ROBO ...
YOU'RE AWE-SOME !!
THIS IS AWE-SOME !!

BUT ROBO'S ACCURACY ...
...TOTALLY SURPASSES POWER!!


THAT'S WHY YOU HIT IT HARD, AND WHOEVER IS CLOSER TO THE PIN HAS THE ADVANTAGE
BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE PRECISION THAT TRUMPS POWER. THAT'S WHY POWER GOLF HAS BECOME SO COMMON

WHETHER YOU CAN HIT THE BALL FAR OR NOT..
...IT STILL CURVES.

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YAY
YOU DID IT !!!!
YOU ...

THUD

HUH ?!
NO WAY! YOU CHEATED!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED GOLF BEFORE!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD PLAY AT THAT LEVEL WITHOUT EXPERIENCE.
YOU WERE JUST LUCKY WE'D NEVER MET BEFORE SO YOU COULD TRICK US!
HUH ...?!
UMM... IS IT OKAY IF I CONTINUE?
I HAVEN'T HIT MY ACTUAL TARGET YET.
I STILL HAVE SEVEN SHOTS LEFT.
W...
WHAAAT?!
HEY, ROBO ...?!
THE WHOLE REASON YOU'RE DOING THIS HAS CHANGED !!

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KSHK

Where'd they go?
HM?
They apologized and everything too.
UM, ROBO...
THEY LEFT FOREVER AGO.

YOU WERE AIMING FOR A HOLE IN ONE?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "OKAY"?!
OKAY.

All's well that ends well, I guess.
THEY WERE PICKING ON TOMOYA AND IT GOT TURNED AROUND ON THEM. THEY MUST'VE BEEN SHOCKED.

THOSE KIDS WERE FROM TAKUZAWA HIGH SCHOOL— I'VE PLAYED THEM BEFORE. THEY'VE GOT PRETTY BAD ATTITUDES

LIKE, I'M TOTALLY BLOWN AWAY...
Why..
Seriously Reiho, you're amazing!
You've got to keep playing!!
THAT WAS QUITE THE SHOCK FOR ME TOO...

YOU'RE ASKING THAT AGAIN?!
WHAT'S A YARD?
WHEN I TALKED TO HIM, IT SEEMED LIKE HE HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH GOLF AT ALL...
BUT HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE THAT HAVE SUCH A PERFECT SWING?!
IS GOLF DIFFICULT?
ANYWAYS, WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?!
Nah. I'm good.
Hey! Why not?!
WHO IS THIS KID...?
KLANG
KLATSCH...
YOUNG ATHLETES TRAIN HARD PRACTICING AND PUSHING THEMSELVES TO THEIR LIMITS
KLANG
KLANG
KLATSCH
BUT NOW GOLF IS CONSIDERED A LEGITIMATE ATHLETIC SPORT.

KLANG
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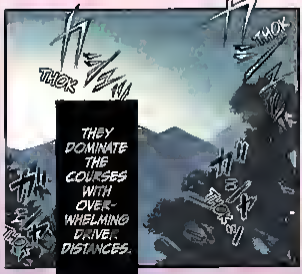
POWER GOLF HAS BECOME MAIN-STREAM.
THEY DOMINATE THE COURSES WITH OVER-WHELMING DRIVER DISTANCES.
TSK... I GUESS...
..HE'S NOT HERE TODAY EITHER...
SHHH
...
YO, ISN'T THAT YOZAN MIURA?
IT IS!
BUT...
HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A CLUB ON HIM. WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT...
"THIS GUY'S BETTER THAN I AM."
I'VE HIT HUNDREDS OF BALLS SINCE THEN...
AT MOST I CAN ONLY GET ONE OUT OF TEN BALLS TO MAKE THAT SOUND.
HOW-EVER...
REGARD-LESS, I WANT TO MEET HIM AT LEAST ONCE
IT WON'T GO AWAY, AND I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND!
THAT SOUND KEEPS RINGING IN MY EARS...

A NEW TYPE OF PLAYER IS COMING IN TO THE PICTURE...
WHO COULD THIS GUY BE?!
...ONE THAT IS IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS.
TO BE CONTINUED...

IN JAPAN, GOLF HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GENTLEMAN'S SPORT—SOMETHING MIDDLE-AGED MEN DO FOR A HOBBY.
BUT NOW GOLF IS CONSIDERED A LEGITIMATE ATHLETIC SPORT.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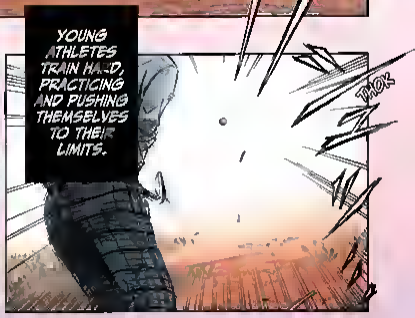
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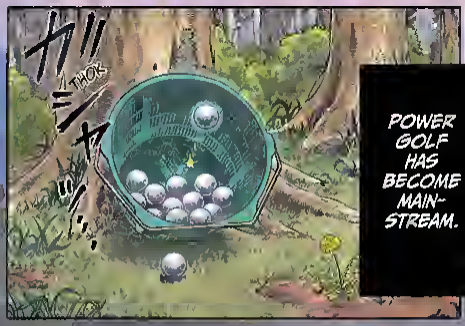
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POWER GOLF HAS BECOME MAINSTREAM.

THOK

JUMP START!
A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN
ROBOT X LASERBEAM
By Tadatoshi Fujimaki
Round 1: I'm Not Going to Play Golf

HMM ...
HOW-EVER ...
WHY AM I...
...TWO CENTI-METERS OFF TARGET?

*Sign: Karaoke
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YEAH!
Excuse me.
Crap we didn't choose the next song.
Gimme the mic!
I got it!
THUMP
Oh! Over here!
Excuse me! Who ordered the tea?
SHHH
He just keeps tapping on that tambourine with that blank look...
He reminds me of a creepy toy monkey with cymbals...
...
Hey...
BEEP
Um...